

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Byron G. Merrell et al.

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For: RETORT HEATING APPARATUS AND METHODS OF USE

Examiner: Alexis A. Wachtel

AMENDMENT “B” AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 10, 2006, please enter the following remarks:

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